

I. Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claim 1.

Claims 1-18 (cancelled)

19. (original) A method of retaining a wheel cover to a vehicle wheel, said wheel cover adapted to be mounted to a plurality of lug nuts of a wheel, said method comprising the steps of:

 providing a wheel cover comprising a base having a front face, an oppositely disposed rear face and a central axis, said wheel cover further having a plurality of elongated tubular extensions having an outboard surface, an end biasing portion attached to said wheel cover base and an opposite end extending in a direction away from said rear face, said plurality of elongated tubular extensions being circumferentially spaced about said rear face, said end biasing portion of each tubular extension being a solid tubular body, said opposite end of each of said plurality of tubular extensions being hollow and axially slotted to define a plurality of cantilevered fingers to an apical end providing a means for biasing a radially inner portion of at least one of said cantilevered fingers of each of said plurality of tubular extensions;

 placing a plurality of locators in spaced relation to said plurality of tubular extensions on said rear face of said wheel cover base;

 placing said means for retaining said means for biasing in said rear face of said wheel cover base;

 placing said means for biasing on said plurality of locators and on said means

for retaining such that said biasing means biases said at least one of said cantilevered fingers of each of said plurality of tubular extensions in a direction towards said lug nuts to maintain engagement with said lug nut when said wheel cover is mounted to said wheel and further whereby said wheel cover is easily removable from said wheel without removing said means from biasing from said plurality of locators and said means for retaining.

20. (original) The method of retaining a wheel cover to a wheel as claimed in claim 19 further comprising the steps of defining said means for retaining to permanently mount said biasing means to said wheel cover.

21. (original) The method of retaining a wheel cover to a vehicle wheel wherein each of said plurality of tubular extensions is integrally molded as a part of said wheel cover base.

22. (original) The method of retaining a wheel cover to a vehicle wheel further comprising the steps of placing said plurality of elongated tubular extensions substantially concentric to said central axis of said wheel cover.